

A Photographic History of the Smith Family

Volume 1: Joseph John Smith & Anna Marie Kutarnia

This series of photograph “albums” cover over a century of history of the lives of Joseph and Anna (Kutarnia) Smith and their descendants.

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Album N^o. 1: Beginnings

Old World through West Virginia

The photographs in this volume are the collection amassed by Dr. Brian A. Smith over several decades beginning in 1985. They are from the collections of many people who have shared their personal collections with Dr. Smith. The collections represented in the entire collection of “albums” include those of:

Valentine “Billy” Smith

Annie (Smith) Turner

Joseph and Pat (Vecsey) Smith & Eileen P. Smith

Michael and Mary (Mislán) Smith

Mary (Smith) Finnie & Peggy (Finnie) Powell

Omer & Helen (Smith) Dupras & Jeanette Dupras

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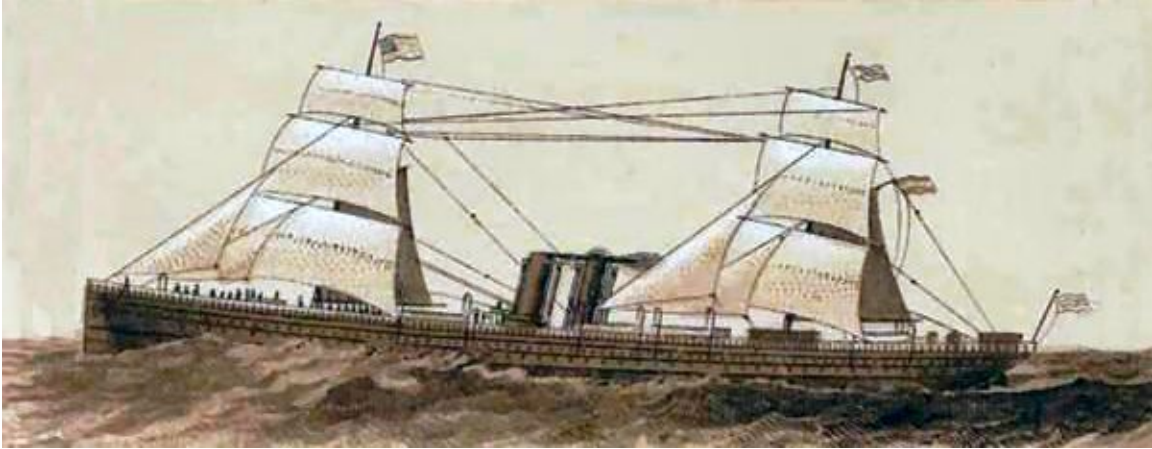
Sophie & Millie Kovich, formerly of Laredo, WV; Hollywood, CA.

Julia R. Barrett

I am forever indebted to these people who have shared their photographs and/or by those who have possession of them and shared them with me.

By Dr. Brian A. Smith

While this photographic history is far from complete, it begins with a ship. Jozef Kutarnia, and many other men from Spis in Slovakia, who were dispatched by Mr. August Bolten from Hamburg on 10 March 1886 on the *S.S. Westphalia*, of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and arrived in New York City on the 22nd.



The ship was built in 1868 and rebuilt in 1877-1878 adding a second funnel and changing the layout of the masts. This is one of the only photographs of the vessel known to exist.



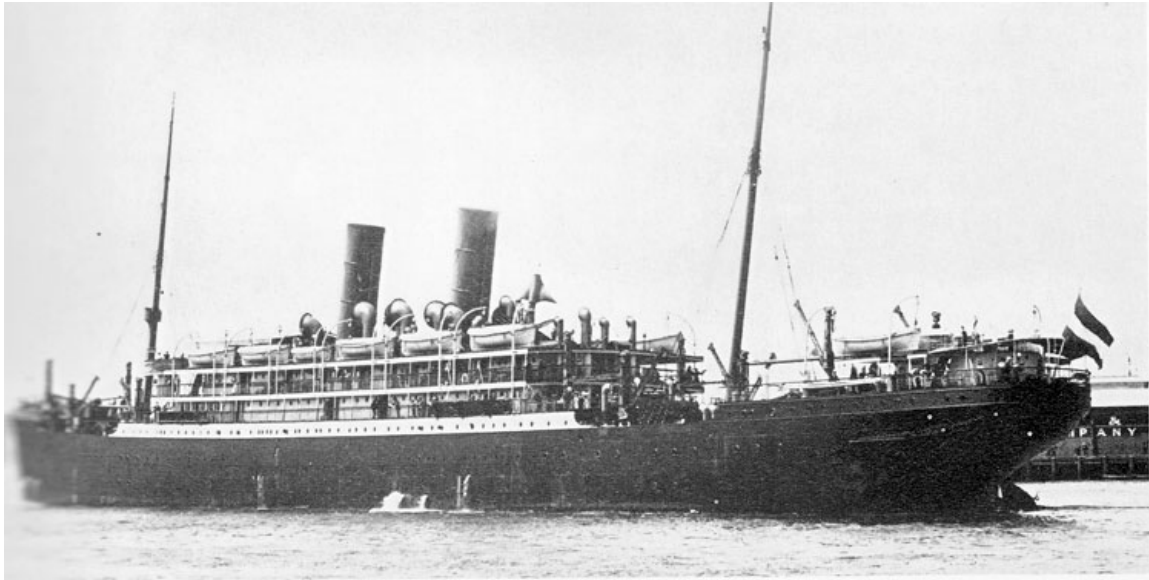
S.S. Westphalia

Hamburg-America Line

as it was in 1886

On the 19th of December 1886, the *Westphalia* made its final voyage for the Hamburg-America Line. It was sold and rechristened the *Atlantica* (1887), the *Provincia di Sao Paulo* (1888), the *Mentana* (1889), and finally the *Sud America* in 1891 by La Veloce Linea di Navigazione Italiana a Vapore. It sailed for another decade under this last name before being scrapped at Genoa, Italy in 1901.

József János Schmid from Hosszú-Láz, Hungary boarded the 5-year-old *S.S. Barbarossa* on 15 June 1901 in Bremenhaven, Germany and arrived at Ellis Island, New York on 26 June 1901 where he declared that he had \$12.00, equivalent to about \$385.00 today, on him.



József's brother Janos Smith sailed on the *R.M.S. Carpathia* on Jul 12, 1905. If that name sounds familiar, it may be because it was the first to arrive at the location of the sinking of the *R.M.S. Titanic* in 1912. It was sunk by U-55 on 17 July 1918.



Jozsef Kutarnia returned to the old country in 1889 and sailed back to the US on the SS Dania arriving on 8 July 1890

St Stevens Hungarian Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, PA



Nana was baptized here on 28 July 1889



Main Street, Plymouth - 1889



The earliest photograph is actually one of Nana's Aunt Maria (Kutarnya) Fabian and her family in Plymouth, PA. Thought to date to 1900 the people are:

Standing (L to R): Joseph and Anthony Fabian (brothers of Andrew) and two unknown;
Seated (L to R): Mrs. Joseph Fabian and Andrew Fabian and his wife Maria Kutarnya.



Enlargement of Andrew Fabian and his wife Maria Kutarnya

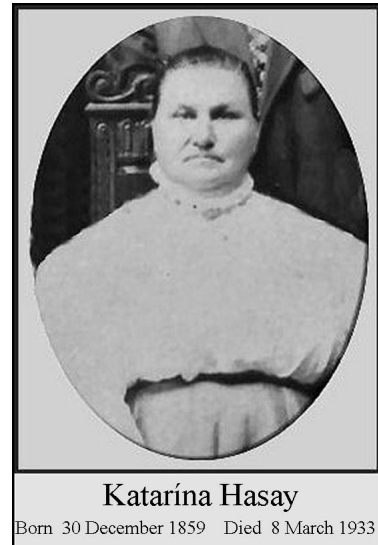


25 June 1909: 25th (Silver) Wedding Anniversary of Jozsef Kutarnia and Katarina Haszay
 Standing (L to R): Joseph, John, Anna, Frank & Michael Kutarnia
 Seated (L to R): Kattie, Helen, Katarína and Jozef, Mary & Steven Kutarnia



Forest City, PA.

Enlargements of Nana and her parents





Church of St.
Anthony of Padua,
Forest City, PA
Nana & Joseph
Smith married
15 Aug. 1905



“Sonny”Kutarnia,
Forest City1920

239 Delaware St, Forest City – Smith↓



↓243 Delaware St, Forest City - Kutarnia



Mary (Kutarnia) Pisarcik
Anna (Kutarnia) Smith
Forest City, ca 1920

Becco, West Virginia Owned by **Buffalo Eagle Coal Company**



Note the large clubhouse ↓





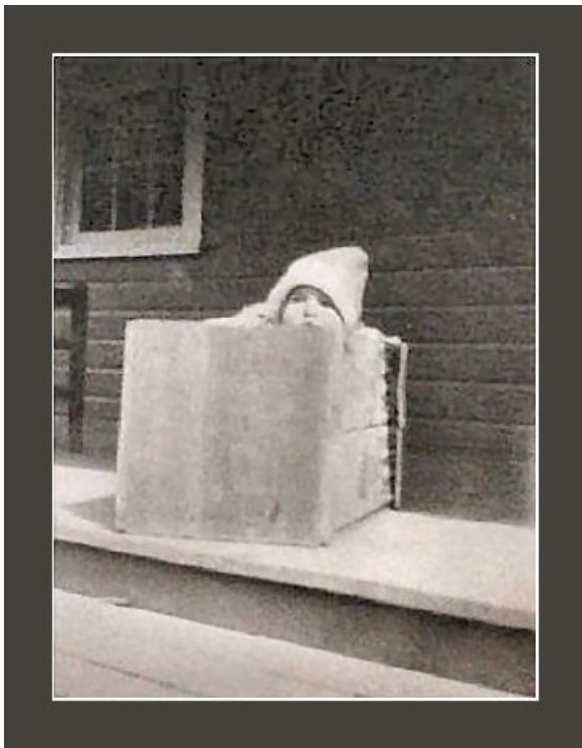
House with “X” was the Smith house (1 of 2) ↑



Annie Smith & Mary Smith
Ca 1923
Becco, WV

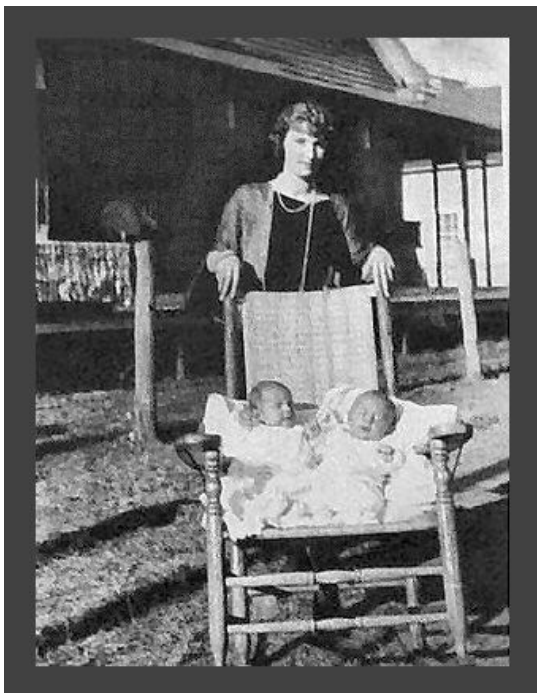
Twins – born July 12, 1924





Mary Smith & the twins

August 1924



Nana & Anne Smith & the twins





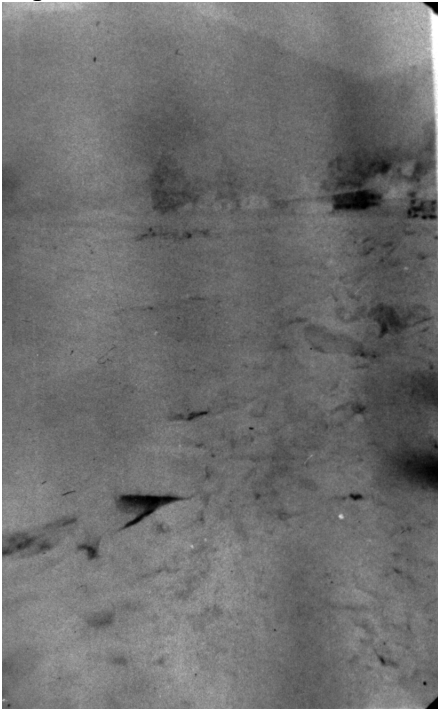
Annie w/ Val & Helen w/ Kathryn Smith

Aug 2, 1924: Val & Kathryn's baptism (St. Michael's RC Church, Lundale)





September 21, 1924: Mudslide in Becco



Buffalo Creek

2nd floor of Smith house





Street Smith house was on

Mary Smith climbing out of 2nd floor window; top floor was about 4 – 5 houses away from 1st floor. This is when Nana got stuck and Uncle George ran in and carried her out just before the piano came tumbling down the stairs from the 2nd floor. She had gone back in to grab as much company script she could grab from the top bureau drawer in her bedroom on the 1st floor.

She had grabbed the twins and handed them to one of the girls and yelled 'get out of the house' before she went in for the money

The company put them up in th 'clubhouse' while the 'big house' was built for them.



Nov 1923

Feb 1925 Val with Annie Smith

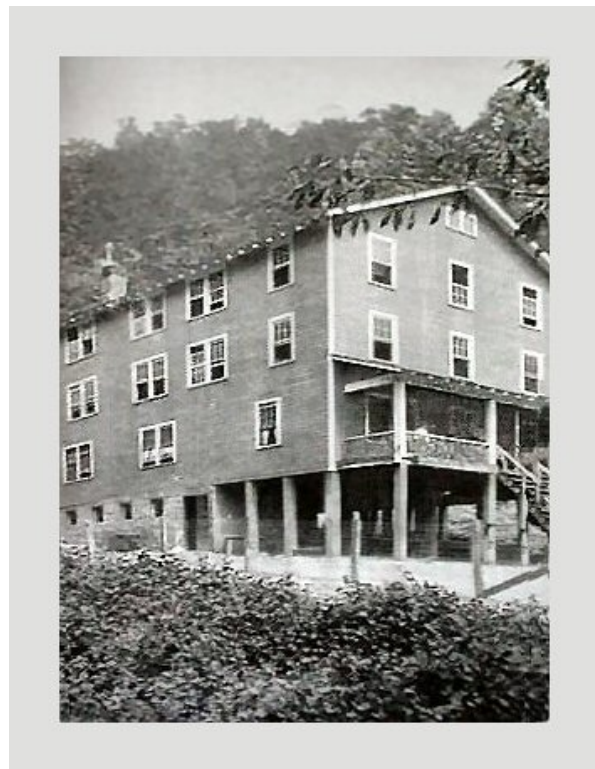




April 18, 1924: Youngstown Ohio property
owned by Joseph Smith
w/20 bedrooms



1925: 'Big House up in Davie's Hollow'





Playing in Buffalo Creek



Davy Hollow (recent)



Snowy day on Davy Hollow courtesy of Joseph Molnar. On the left is the old water treatment plant.



Smith Building, 615 Main St, Forest City
John Smith furniture store

Feb 2, 1925: Joseph & Anna bought a 25' x 100' lot on the corner of Dayton and South Broad at 1243 South Broad Street, Trenton, assuming an \$8,000.00 mortgage from John and Susannah Heidi. The 3-story building was built in 1912. The street number would be changed to 1237 South Broad Street before 1930. They rented the building to the Block family from 1925 to 1928 where they operated the Block Produce Market.



Amherstdale was an adjacent town where the company store, P.O., etc was located
Owned by the Amherst Mining Company. 1922

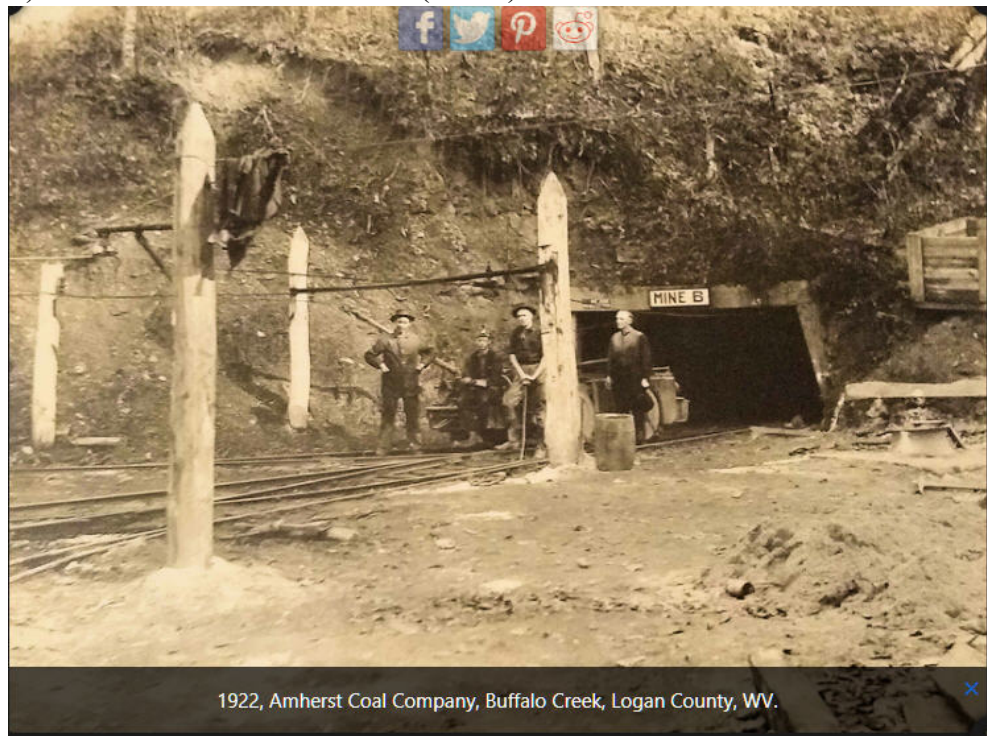


Amherstdale Elementary School - 1922

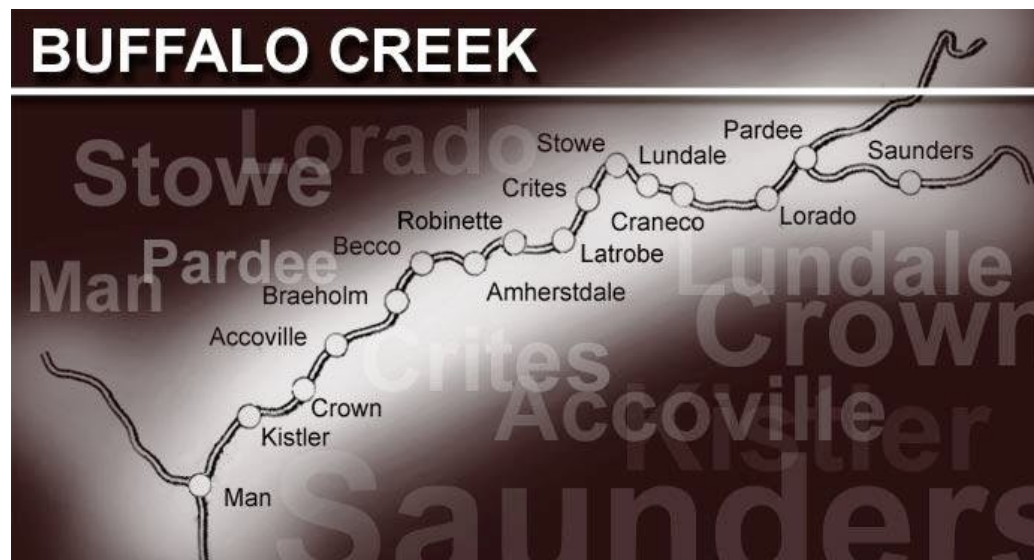


Mine 1 (above)

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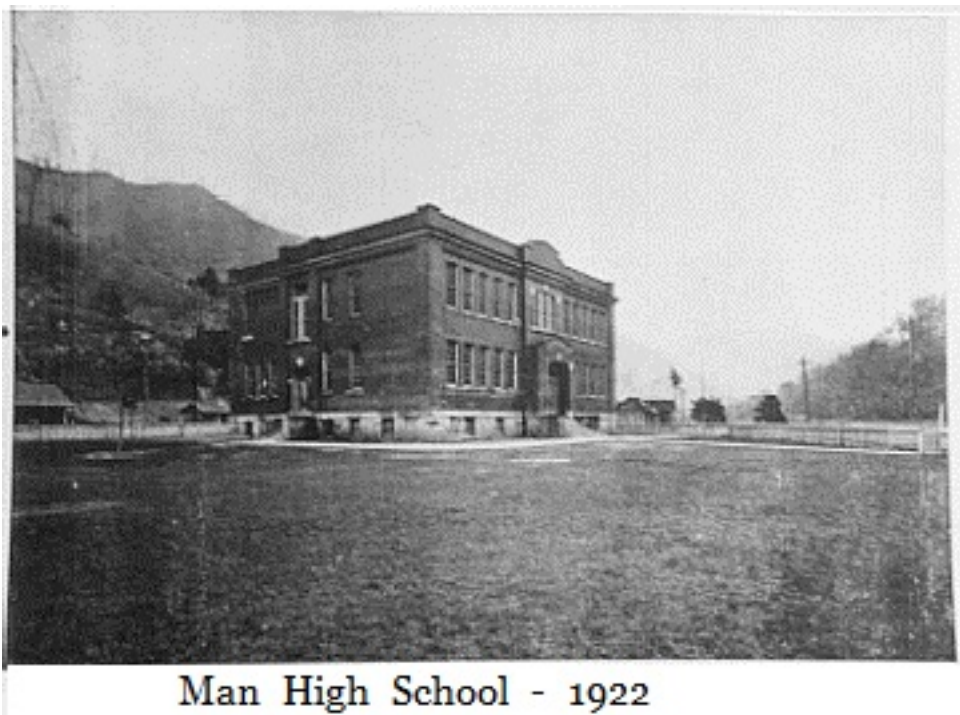
Aerial view of Amherstdale



Braeholm was where the company doctor lived so Val & Kathryn's birth certificates give Braeholm, WV as their place of birth. In reality, Nana delivered the twins by herself in the morning and was working in the kitchen when daughter Mary came home from school and Nana said to her *"Go look on my bed and make sure they're alright."*



By 1924, Mary was attending Man High School



1925: Forest City, PA

L to R: Joseph & Steve Kutarnia, Sister Bwogaslava (Katarina Kutarnia), John, Michael, Frank Kutarnia, Katarina (Haszay) Kutarnia (mother); unknown nun, 'Sonny' Kutarnia



Sister Bwogaslava was at the Convent of the Assumption in Mahoney City, PA

Forest City, PA



Becco, WV



Mary Smith 1925



Nana & twins



Val & Kathryn 1926



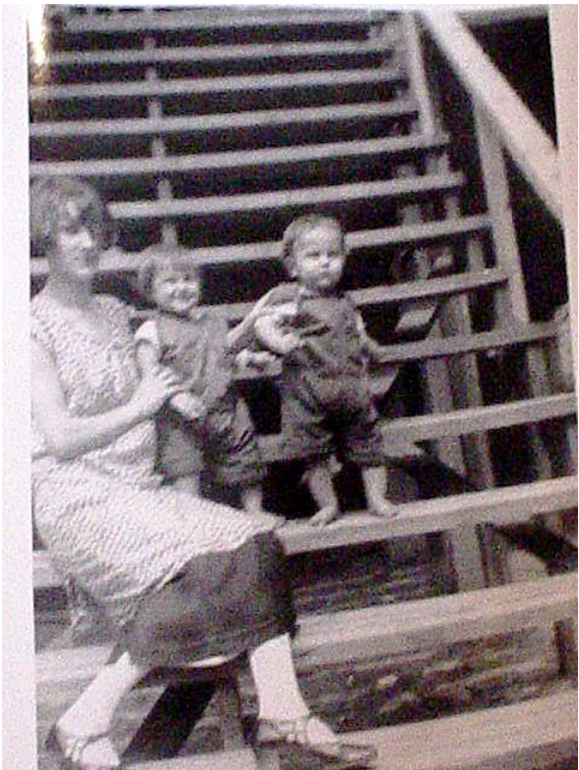
John, Kathryn & Val Smith



Mary & twins – Dec. 1926

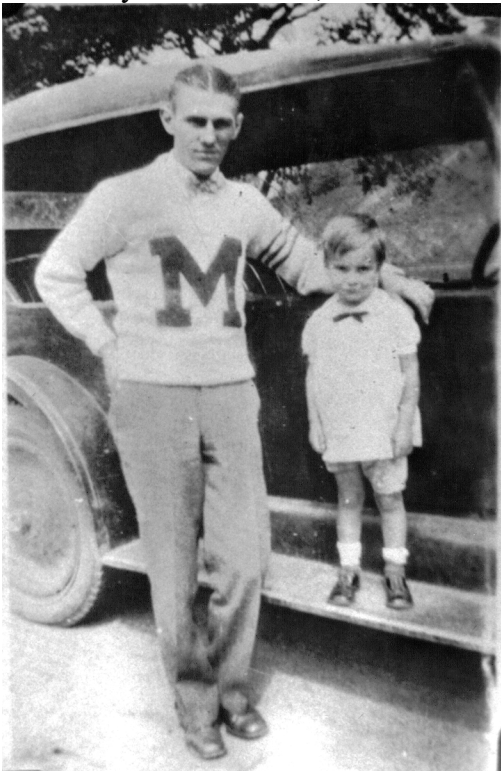


3 pics of





Visiting Joe Smith Jr at Marshall University in Charleston, WV



Dec. 1926 – Christmas Santa



Joseph & Anna with Peggy & twins & Joe, Jr. (?)



1927: Lundale, WV



Joseph Smith & unknown



Lundale, 1922, looking west towards Becco.

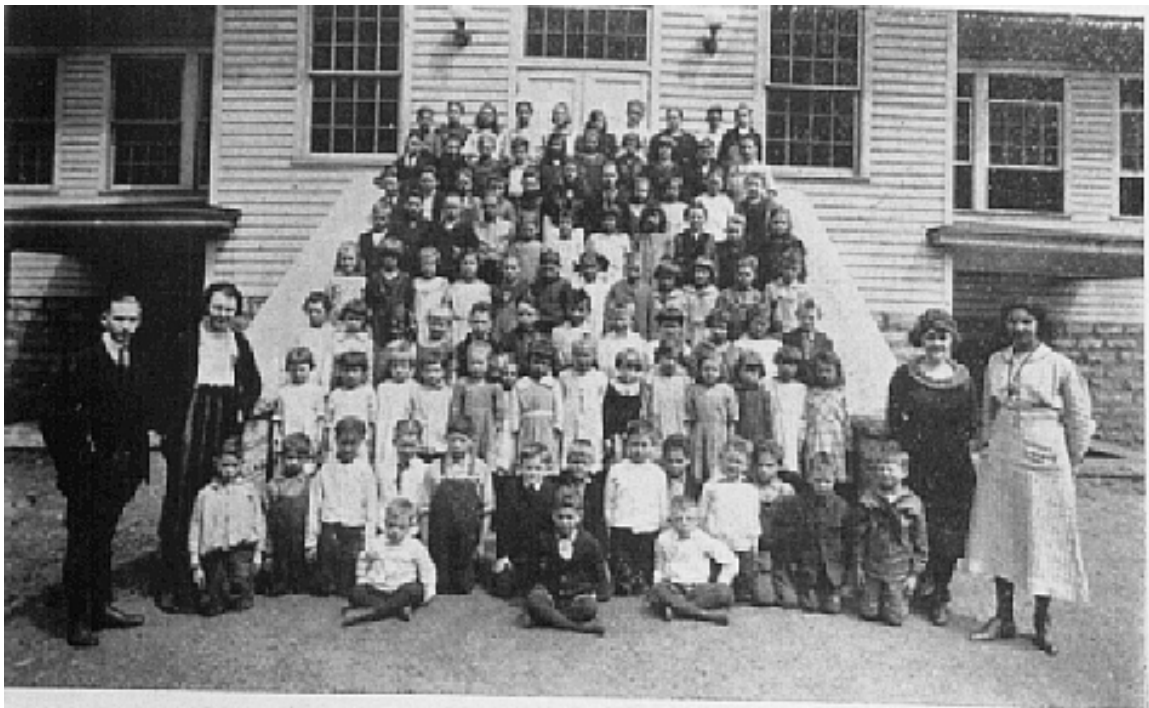
The Smith family lived here in 1927 & 1928.

St. Michael's RC Church – the priest from Man held services in the community room and that was the closest Catholic 'church' to Becco.



SCHOOL BUILDING AT LUNDALE

Junior High School



STUDENT BODY AND TEACHERS AT LUNDALE

Bet there's a Smith in there somewhere!!

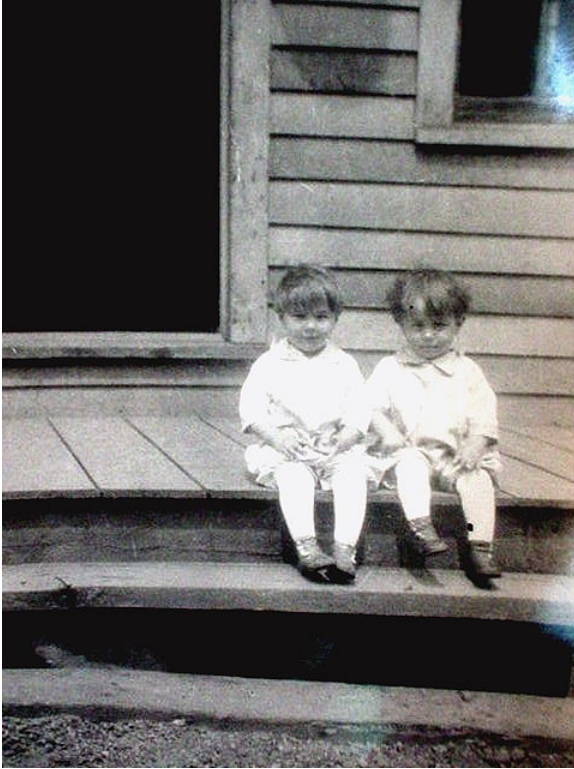


Lundale Tipple, June, 4, 1917 courtesy of Corby Walls.



LUNDALE HOSPITAL

The only hospital along Buffalo Creek in the 1920s





Helen, Margaret & twins



Peggy & twins



Joseph Smith on front porch with ?



Best photo of the twins



Next stop: Trenton